

Theophilus Mayo – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Theophilus Mayo was the son of Thomas and Barbara (Knowles) Mayo, the grandson of Nathaniel and Hannah (Prence) Mayo and the great grandson of Rev. John Mayo. Theophilus was born in 1680 in Eastham. He married Rebecca Smith in 1705. He died in 1763 according to Eastham death records.

Theophilus was a fourth generation Eastham resident who received Eastham land grants. He received only a few land grants but the grants included a large 1715 wood lot.

1703

Granted to Theophilus Mayo and James Knowles and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet Low Meadow between Pochet Island and Sampson's Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF M146.

1711

Granted to Theophilus Mayo and his heirs about four acres of upland on the northeast side of Sheep Pond next to the Swamp and next to land of John Paine. Persons were allowed thru the land with carts at such times less hurtful to corn growing on the land. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T12.

Granted to Theophilis Mayo and his heirs about four acres of upland next to the lot of Thomas Mayo, cordwainer and on the southwesterly side of the fresh pond called Sheep Pond. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T12.

Granted to Theophilus Mayo and his heirs about six acres for a wood lot located on the northerly side of Richard Sparrow's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T12.

Granted to Theophilus Mayo, John Brown, Thomas Cole, Abia Harding, Joshua Harding and Joshua Hopkins in joint and equal partnership a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Acreage or dimensions were not given but most of these lots were about six or seven acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T87.

1715

Granted to Theophilus Mayo and his heirs about two acres part on Sampson's Island and part on Little Island. Also granted a lot near the head of Namskaket and next to the roadway that went from Pochet to Harwich. The dimensions indicate this lot was about thirteen acres. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T219.

Granted to Theophilus Mayo and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate, north of the lot of Elisha Eldridge Jr. and near the dwelling house of John Merrick. The dimensions indicate the lot was about 104 acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T287.

The Eastham land owned by Theophilus Mayo or his heirs described in these records amounts to about 135 acres. Up to 1745 twenty-two more Mayos received Eastham land grants.